

REMARKS

The claims in the application are 2-13, 16 and 18-20.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

It is explicitly stated in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Final Office Action Claims 4, 13, 16 and 20 have been allowed and Claims 6, 9, 10, 14 and 17 would be allowable if amended into appropriate independent form. Accordingly, Claims 6 and 9 have each been amended into independent form herein, with the remaining claims all amended to depend directly or indirectly from independent Claims 6 or 9. Claims 14, 15 and 17 have been canceled without prejudice to eliminate undue repetition of allowable claim subject matter. The amendments to the claims herein correspond exactly to the proposed amendments to the claims directly forwarded to the Examiner for his consideration and discussed, over the telephone, with the Examiner.

Accordingly, in view of the forgoing amendment, accompanying remarks, explicit statements in the Final Office Action and telephone conference with the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted all claims pending herein are in condition for allowance. Please contact the undersigned attorney should there be any questions. A Petition for an automatic two month extension of time for response under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is enclosed together with authorization to charge the Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1121 and a Fee Transmittal.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George M. Kaplan", is written over a horizontal line.

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